

a host system that transmits data to a set of client facilities using a high bandwidth point-to-multipoint broadcast signal;

each of the client facilities transmits data to the host system using a network connection; and

each of the client facilities receives the broadcast signal and retains only data from the broadcast signal intended for the particular client facility.

77. A computer readable medium containing instructions for causing a computer to perform a method for handling electronic information for a user, the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting data to a host system using a network connection;

receiving a broadcast signal from the host system, which transmits data to a set of computers using a high bandwidth point-to-multipoint broadcast signal; and

retaining from the broadcast signal only data intended for the computer user.

REMARKS

Applicants submit this preliminary amendment for the Examiner to consider new claims 41-77. Claims 20-77 are now pending in this application.

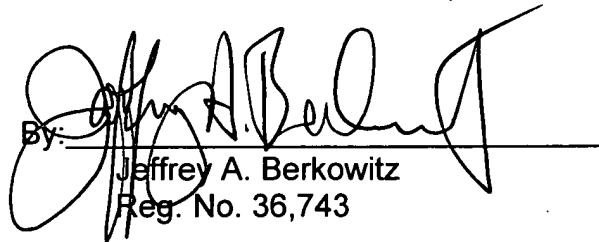
Applicants filed this application, which is a continuation of application serial no. 08/590,640, now U.S. Patent No. 5,833,468, on November 4, 1998. Along with this continuation application, Applicants filed on November 4, 1998, a Preliminary Amendment with new claims 20-40. As of the filing date of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have not received an action in this case.

Additionally, Applicants filed a Status Inquiry in this case on November 8, 1999. To date, Applicants have not received a response from the Examiner to that Status Inquiry.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application, to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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